get its share. Thus, NTPC, on its part, is paying adequate attention to augment power generation in Andhra Pradesh.

Power reforms

2248. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to encourage all State Electricity Boards to go on a campaign to install meters at all premises obtaining power without meters;

(b) what are the details of this scheme;

(c) whether any financial assistance will be extended to States like Andhra Pradesh which are in the fore front of power reforms;

(d) has any discussion been held with the Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board to implement pilot schemes to install meters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The issue of installing meters at all premises was discussed in the power Ministers' Conference held on 26.2.2000 and the consensus favoured a time bound programme for 100% metering by December, 2001. Government proposes to encourage all SEBs to provide meters under the proposed Accelerated Power Development Programme (APDP). Details of the scheme have not yet been formulated. No specific discussion with any SEBs have taken place.

Transmission and distribution losses of power

2249. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the loss of Power during transmission and distribution during a year;

(b) whether power loss has been on the rise with every passing year;

(c) the estimated power loss from 1998 to 1999;

(d) whether significant part of the transmission and distribution losses are due to pilferage; and

(e) if so, the measures taken or proposed to be taken through out the country to check these transmission and distribution losses?